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OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY (ODR) QUARTERLY REPORT

The mission of the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) is to develop and implement county-wide criminal justice diversion for persons with mental and/or substance use disorders and to provide reentry support services to vulnerable populations. The goals of ODR include reducing the number of inmates with mental health and/or substance use disorders in the Los Angeles County Jails, reducing recidivism, and improving the health outcomes of justice involved populations who have the most serious underlying health needs.

The attached ODR quarterly report provides updates on work completed during April through June 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Ghaly, M.D. at (213) 974-1276 or mghaly@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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OFFICE OF DIVERSION— AND REENTRY

Quarterly Report April to June 2018



ODR MISSION

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OVERVIEW

Over 2,000 releases from jail to housing and treatment

 Placed 2,028 clients from jail into housing and treatment through MIST-CBR and ODR Housing program.

Expanded services for the Reentry population

• Launched Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (R-ICMS), a care coordination and service navigation program for vulnerable justice involved populations.

Launched Voter Registration Initiative Initiated collaboration with the LA County Registrar-Recorder and other County Departments and community based organizations to register justice involved populations to vote.



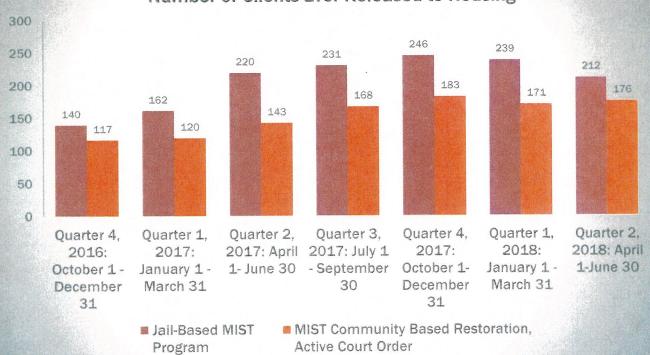
MIST-COMMUNITY BASED RESTORATION

- The Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial-Community Based Restoration (MIST-CBR) program diverts individuals facing misdemeanor charges who are found incompetent to stand trial into community based settings to be restored to competency.
- Launched a pilot to provide a permanent supportive housing and ICMS option for MIST clients that have timed out of their program.
- Since October of 2016, 766 clients have been removed from jail and connected to community based treatment including community outpatient, inpatient, Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD), and supportive housing programs.



MIST-CBR CLIENTS SERVED EACH QUARTER





*Clients may be in MIST in multiple quarters.



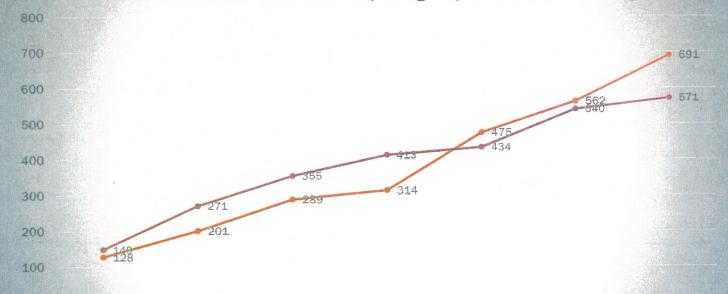
ODR HOUSING

- A permanent supportive housing and treatment program that serves individuals who are incarcerated in the Los Angeles County Jails, are homeless, and have a serious mental disorder.
- Clients are connected to interim housing upon release and continue on to permanent supportive housing.
- Since August 2016, 1,262 homeless clients have been served by ODR Housing.



INCREASED ODR HOUSING CLIENTS SERVED EACH QUARTER

Number of Clients Ever Referred/Assigned/Released to Housing



 Quarter 4, 2016: Quarter 1, 2017: Quarter 2, 2017: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 4, 2017: Quarter 1, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 4, 2017: Quarter 1, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 4, 2017: Quarter 1, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 4, 2017: Quarter 1, 2018: Quarter 2, 2018: Quarter 3, 2017: Quarter 3

--- Pretrial --- Court/Jail Linkage



LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION (LEAD)

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a community diversion program
 that aims to reduce recidivism and increase public safety.
- Provides individuals at high risk of recidivism for narcotics and/or prostitution offenses with housing, mental health and substance use treatment, and supportive services.
- 156 individuals referred, 86 participants enrolled and 44 in the process of enrollment (on track to meet two year goal of 300 referred, 160 enrolled).
- 90% were homeless at time of referral; currently 23 participants in interim housing and 4 in permanent housing.





ODR HOUSING- MATERNAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

- Under the directive of the LA County Board of Supervisors, ODR has prioritized diverting pregnant women from the jails to the community with supportive services and housing provided by ODR. ODR Housing Maternal Health Diversion Program launched in April 2018.
- As of June 30th, 28 pregnant women were diverted from LA County Jails. 12 pregnant women currently reside in specialized interim housing settings that allow women to remain with their children until they can move into permanent supportive housing.



EXPANDING VOTER AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS

- Board motion February 13, 2018
 - ODR brought together 13 county agencies and community-based organizations.
 - Developed Countywide Plan for voter education and registration of justice-involved individuals 1) in jails; and 2) in the community.
 - Recommended procedures for providing and tracking distribution of vital records.
- ODR to convene a taskforce to:
 - Guide all voter education and registration efforts for justiceinvolved residents in the County.
 - Register justice-involved residents before November 2018 election and track the number registered.
 - Create marketing materials regarding the value of civic engagement and voter rights for justice-involved individuals.



ODR REENTRY SERVICES

- Services to reduce recidivism and improve health outcomes of vulnerable probationers and justice involved individuals.
- Proposition 47 and SB678 funded services include:
 - 1. Reentry-Intensive Case Management Services (R-ICMS)
 - 2. INVEST-Workforce Development
 - 3. Community Reentry Centers



REENTRY INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (R-ICMS)

- Wraparound care coordination and service navigation for justice involved individuals to improve health outcomes and reduce recidivism.
- Services are provided by Community Heath Workers with lived experience in the justice system.
- Program launched in April 2018 and has enrolled 278 justice involved individuals.
- ODR facilitated meetings between various probation area offices and local R-ICMS providers to establish a strong referral mechanism.
- ODR organized an introductory training for 22 Community Health Workers in May.
 The training focused on the history of the CHW profession and its roots in community organizing, cultural competence, and strengths-based approaches to serving people from disadvantaged communities.



INVEST PROGRAM

- INVEST launched in January 2018. This collaboration between Probation,
 Workforce Development Aging and Community Services (WDACS), and ODR provides adult felony probationers a path to living wage employment through individualized employment support services and training.
- The INVEST program offers career development planning, training, and support to clients from two co-located Probation Officers and two INVESTdedicated AJCC staff in 6 WDACS American Job Centers of California (AJCC).
- INVEST staff conducted 9 info sessions at Probation Area Offices in March and April 2018 to recruit clients.
- Approximately 71 individuals have enrolled to date. Once at capacity, the program anticipates serving 600 clients per year.



COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTER

- ODR continues to partner with Probation to design LA County's first Community Reentry Center at 3965 S. Vermont.
- ODR is working with County and community partners to identify services for those on adult felony probation, their families, and the community. Services will include but are not limited to:
 - Employment and training
 - Assistance navigating housing resources
 - Assessment and linkage to mental health and substance use disorder services
 - Legal services, such as expungements
 - Music, arts, and theater programming
- ODR, in partnership with Probation and the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP), convened meetings with neighborhood councils to get their support and input on the Center.
- Members of the stakeholder advisory committee for the Community Reentry Center took a tour of the future site, which is currently under construction, on June 6, 2018.



YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Steering Committee convened in May 2018.
- Developed the contracting process to partner with community based youth diversion providers in 9 geographic law enforcement jurisdictions.
 Solicitation was released in August 2018.
- Identified 6 youth members for our steering committee.







ODR SUPPORTS CIT AND MET

Critical Intervention Training (CIT)

- ODR provides funding to support the Sheriff Department's CIT program, which plans to provide a 32-hour training to approximately 2,620 patrol personnel over the next six years.
- The goals of CIT include reducing use of force in the field, improving the linkage of persons with mental illness and SUDs to services rather than booking and incarceration, and reducing recidivism.
- From April June 2018, **62** personnel were trained (**862** personnel have been trained since December 2016).

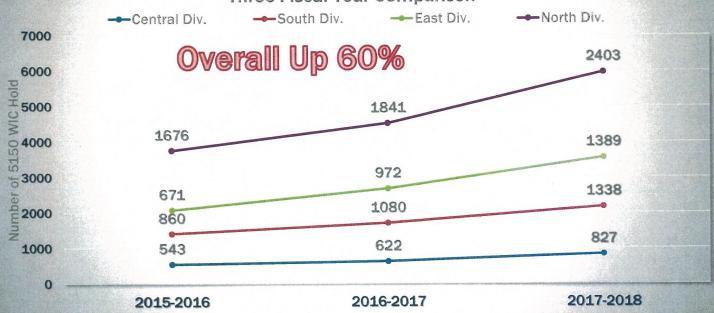
Mental Evaluation Teams (MET)

ODR provides funding to DMH and the Sheriff's Department to support the Mental Evaluation Teams, specially-trained field units that respond to community members who have a mental disorder and are in crisis (e.g., barricaded suspects, suicide threats, other self-inflicted injuries).



MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM (MET)

Mental Health Crises Resulting in 5150 WIC "Hold" in LASD Patrol Divisions Three Fiscal Year Comparison



Data provided by Sheriff's Department, calendar year data most recent available



FEATURED CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Alejandra Smith* is currently a participant of the ODR Housing Maternal Health Diversion Program. Before being arrested, Alejandra was homeless and was not well connected to community based services. ODR worked with the court partners and was able to settle her case as well as connecting her to wraparound services that would support her goals. In June, she was released to a residential treatment program and is working towards a number of goals, including a healthy pregnancy, family reunification with her three children, sobriety, to obtain her GED and employment.

Alejandra's ODR Case Manager applauds her dedication to her goals and the ownership she is taking to meet them. She feels that permanent supportive housing will help her to be successful. Alejandra explains that this is a true second chance. She is expected to deliver her baby this Fall.

* Name has been changed



FEATURED INTERIM HOUSING SITE

On May 1st 2018, Victory Starts Now (VSN) opened a new interim housing site for ODR Housing clients who are released from jail. Clients stay in interim housing until a permanent supportive housing unit is identified.





VSN provides a safe and comfortable environment free from alcohol and drugs. VSN is a therapeutic community which provides structure, accountability, and support. Clients are given responsibilities within the household, which aid in the transition to independent living.

